

Saudi missile sale played down Weinberger, Arens review military ties

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON — Visiting Defense Minister Moshe Arens and U.S. Secretary of Defense Casper Weinberger yesterday praised the "best-ever" state of American-Israeli military relations and reviewed outstanding matters in the overall relationship, including progress recently reported in strategic cooperation talks.

According to Israeli officials who participated in the 45-minute meeting at the Pentagon, the two men did not dwell on the matter of U.S. Stinger anti-aircraft missile sales to Saudi Arabia. Weinberger simply insisted that they were necessary for Saudi Arabia's defense to deter further Iranian attacks against shipping in the Gulf, and Arens expressed concern that the shoulder-fired, portable missiles might fall into terrorist hands. The matter arose only at the end of the session, the officials said.

Arens clearly did not intend to make the issue a possible irritant in the generally smooth state of American-Israeli ties. Israeli officials also acknowledged that nothing can really be done, since the U.S. shipped 400 Stingers to the Saudis last weekend.

On the jet engine for a new generation of F-16 fighters, Arens informed Weinberger that Israel now agrees that these be equipped with General Electric engines.

Israeli officials said Weinberger expressed a keen interest in the state of the Israeli economy, including the record inflation levels and their im-

port on Israel's defense capabilities. Arens conceded the very difficult pressure under which the Israeli defense establishment must operate. He noted that more than 30 per cent of Israel's gross national product is devoted to defense—as opposed to 7 per cent in the U.S.

Arens expressed appreciation for American assistance to Israel; the pending U.S. foreign aid bill contains some \$2.5 billion in combined economic and military grants.

But the defense minister told Weinberger that the real future of the Israeli economy required an increase in Israeli exports, especially in the defense area. That is why Israeli military sales to the U.S. are so important, Arens said.

The Israeli defense chief underlined the need for the U.S. to continue to permit Israeli firms to co-produce certain components of U.S.-made military products sold to Israel. This so-called "offset" arrangement has lately come under some criticism in the U.S., because of the precedent it may set for other countries receiving military aid and the potential loss of U.S. jobs.

A report issued last month by the U.S. General Accounting Office also noted Israeli policy of requesting U.S. suppliers to either offset or buy back from Israel goods and services equal to 25 per cent of Israeli purchases of \$1m. or more.

Israel was permitted offsets of 15 per cent using American foreign military sales credits in fiscal year 1984, the report said.

Weinberger, according to Israeli (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

Jewish terror lowers us to the level of our enemies, Herzog tells youths

President Chaim Herzog yesterday sharply condemned the deeds reportedly carried out by the 27 alleged Jewish terrorists now going on trial, saying that they "lower us to the subhuman level of the murderous terrorist organizations which act against us."

Speaking to 250 members of the Bnei Akiva religious youth movement at the presidential residence, Herzog said he was shocked to hear of the outrageous actions, which he said constituted grave and direct sabotage of the state's security, supported out of "compelling" motives.

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Quoting Jewish religious sources, Herzog said the impugned crimes are transgressions of the commandment against murder and faithless rebellion against the kingdom and "false nationalism." How many disasters have false messiahs brought upon Israel in the course of its long history, he asked.

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Post Knesset Reporter

Deputy Knesset Speaker Menachem Begin (Likud) yesterday called the Jewish terror suspects "the pride of Israel."

Replying to a motion for the agenda by Toubi (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality), Cohen said that he had not come to the Jerusalem police headquarters at the Russian Compound to demonstrate with, or for, the detained suspects, but to honour the six yeshiva students murdered at Beit Hadassah in Hebron.

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ANSTADAN	10	15	17	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	10	14	17	Cloudy
BUENOS AIRES	7	15	20	Rain
CHICAGO	3	14	17	Clear
COPENHAGEN	13	15	21	Clear
FRANKFURT	9	15	19	Rain
GENEVA	4	14	17	Cloudy
HILSINKI	13	15	19	Clear
HONG KONG	24	25	28	Rain
JERUSALEM	2	17	23	Clear
LONDON	12	14	17	Rain
LYONS	8	14	17	Clear
MADRID	14	15	19	Clear
MILAN	14	15	19	Cloudy
MUNICH	14	15	19	Cloudy
PARIS	14	15	19	Cloudy
ROME	14	15	19	Cloudy
SAPPALE	16	16	17	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	6	14	18	Cloudy
TOKYO	18	24	27	Clear
TORONTO	6	14	18	Rain
VIENNA	6	14	18	Cloudy
ZURICH	6	14	18	Cloudy

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Hot and dry in the inland and hilly areas.

	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	13	15-27	29
Golan	17	13-29	31
Nahariya	18	15-28	29
Haifa Port	70	20-25	27
Tiberias	18	16-25	35
Nazareth	22	14-24	30
Alula	33	12-32	35
Shimon	14	17-30	31
Tel Aviv	63	24-28	28
B-G Airport	37	15-31	31
Jericho	24	17-35	37
Gaza	25	22-25	26
Beersheva	17	10-32	33
Eilat	5	20-36	38

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor yesterday opened an exhibition at the Knesset of the paintings of Moshe Castel, covering a period of 60 years, in the presence of the artist. Among the guests were Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek; Danish Ambassador Sven Aage Nielsen; Ambassador of the European Communities Niels Westerby; and MK Meir Shitrit, chairman of the Knesset's art and design committee.

The Belgian Ambassador to Israel, Edouard Decastiaux-Hugot participated yesterday at a special ceremony marking the 25th anniversary of the Queen Elizabeth of Belgium Institute of Archeology of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. A large delegation of Friends of the Hebrew University from Belgium, headed by Fela Perelman and by Prof. de Raeymaekere, president of the Belgian Friends of the University, also participated at the event held at the Maltersdorf Faculty Club on the Mt. Scopus campus.

A wall of honour was dedicated in the Tel Aviv municipal building yesterday, in the presence of a delegation of American contributors to the Tel Aviv Foundation. The wall lists some 40 founders and benefactors of the foundation. Among those present were Mayor Shlomo Lahat, foundation director Hanan Ben-Yehuda, and delegation members Younes and Soraya Nazarian, Lin and Ted Arison and Ibi and Alex Vardi.

A visiting group of the Palestine Police Old Comrades Association will tomorrow hold a memorial service at 9:30 a.m. at the American Bible College cemetery on Mount Zion. Former members of the force are invited.

DEPARTURES

Former president Yitzhak Navon to Paris and Marseilles for Jerusalem Day celebrations.

Kiryat Arba settlers reportedly detained youth

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Kiryat Arba settlers, who were stoned as they drove through the West Bank village of Sir yesterday, reportedly detained a youth whom they later handed over to a military patrol.

Arab sources allege that the settlers drew their weapons when their minibus was attacked and even fired in the air, but this has not been confirmed.

UN extends mandate of force in Syria

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters). - The Security Council in rare unanimity, yesterday extended the mandate of the UN peace-keeping force in the Golan Heights for another six months.
There was no debate during one of the briefest meetings in the council's history.

Liverpool wins European Cup

Post Sports Reporter
Liverpool won the European Cup last night on a penalty shoot-out, after the scores were tied one all at the end of regular time. Phil Neal scored for Liverpool and Roberto Russo for Roma.
In the penalty shoot-out Liverpool won 4-2.

HOME NEWS

Re-unification of Jerusalem celebrated

Jerusalem Post Staff and Itim
Thousands of Israelis and foreign visitors yesterday crowded the capital's streets to help local residents celebrate Jerusalem Day.

Aside from a few traffic jams caused by the fleets of buses which brought new immigrants, tourists and school children into the city, the atmosphere was low key, with many scattered events. Among the major gatherings were the traditional assembly at Ammunition Hill, where Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir spoke, and a commemoration at the Western Wall, with President Chaim Herzog attending.

"The political battle over Jerusalem isn't over. Normal diplomatic recognition of Israel lags behind the reality," Shamir said at the Ammunition Hill ceremony, chiding

nations which do not accept Jerusalem's status as capital of Israel.

The ceremony commemorated the battle which took place at the site during the Six-Day War.

A Jerusalem Day "happening" in the capital's Independence Park was disturbed for a short time by several young supporters of the Likud who tried to put Likud stickers on the lapels of those who came to the event.

When Mayor Teddy Kollek arrived to speak to the crowd, the Likud supporters also asked him to put on a sticker. Kollek refused, a heated argument developed, and Kollek said he would not speak to the gathering. Only after the Likud supporters were forced to leave did Kollek make his speech and the programme proceeded as planned.

Speaking later in the day to a gathering of new immigrants at Mt. Scopus, Shamir said that in going to war against Israel in 1967, "the little king of Jordan made the biggest mistake of his life." Shamir added that Hussein thought the war would "put an end to the Land of Israel... but the end came to the division of Jerusalem."

Bereaved parents, former comrades-in-arms and others gathered at the military cemetery on Mt. Herzl yesterday to honour the memory of soldiers who fell in the Six-Day War.

The Knesset nearly forgot Jerusalem Day. Only at 11 a.m. yesterday did MK Edna Solodar (Alignment) interrupt the House's normal proceedings to ask why the holiday

had not been marked. Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor promised to make remarks on the subject, and was later joined by Justice Minister Moshe Nissim and MK Mordechai Gur, who commanded the paratroop brigade which captured the Old City in 1967.

About 2,000 runners took part in a 21-kilometre mini-marathon and a five-kilometre mass run through Jerusalem to mark the holiday. (See story page 4). Mass picnics for residents and tourists were held throughout the city, and dance and singing groups performed in Liberty Bell Park and the Ben-Yehuda mall.

Thousands of students from Bnei Akiva yeshivas throughout Israel visited Jewish settlements in the Jerusalem area and the Hebron Hills to mark Jerusalem Day.

IN THE KNESSET/Artyeh Rubinstein

MK withdraws his own bill after committee dispute

In a rare action yesterday the sponsor of a private member's bill withdrew it over a dispute about the committee to which it should be referred.

State Control Committee chairman Avraham Katz-Oz (Alignment) presented a bill that would make internal controllers in government ministries answer only to the minister, freeing them from pressure from directors-general that Katz-Oz said often makes it impossible for them to do their jobs.

While Katz-Oz wanted the bill referred to his committee, Deputy Finance Minister Haim Kaufman proposed it be sent to the Finance Committee. When Kaufman suggested the House Committee decide the issue, Katz-Oz said Kaufman was trying to keep the bill bottled up until after the elections. Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor ruled that the disputed bill must be sent to the House Committee, whereupon Katz-Oz withdrew his bill.

Also yesterday, in a farewell speech to the Knesset, Mapam's Imri Ron said that the de-

struction of one-third of the Jewish people, and continuing massive assimilation, have settled the historical debate between Jerusalem and the Diaspora in Jerusalem's favour.

Ron said his return to his kibbutz, Mishmar Huemek, after two terms in the Knesset was a question of principle. "Politics, in the sense of trying to influence society, does not begin or end in the Knesset," he said.

Speaker Savidor described Ron as "modesty incarnate, coupled with dedication and intellectual courage."

Meanwhile, the Knesset yesterday passed on its preliminary reading a bill sponsored by Mohammed Watad (Alignment-Mapam) and Hamad Halaila (Alignment-Labour) that would restore to the Moslem community the control over Walled Jerusalem.

Watad said that since 1948 such property has been administered by the Treasury, while parallel Christian and Jewish property is administered by those communities themselves.

SOUTH LEBANON ATTACKS

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losing ground, and there are more and more rumours that he may even be sent abroad on leave.

Discussing the Iran-Iraq war, Barak said that Israel would have a lot to lose if one of the parties won a decisive victory.

The Iraqis have an army of some 750,000 soldiers, and at least its lower echelons have gained quite a bit of fighting experience, he observed.

"An (Iraqi) army of 22 to 24 divisions could send at the end of the war eight to 10 divisions to our area. That is a force similar in size to the Syrian land force," he said.

This means that numerically, a combined Syrian-Iraqi force would be twice as big as the IDF, observers noted. Barak said that "a situation in which two nations grow weary, (of war and) do not want to fight any more, would probably be the most convenient situation (for us)."

WEINBERGER-ARENS

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officials, demonstrated a good understanding of Israel's predicament. He asked Arens about the development of the new Lavi fighter. This was encouraging, Israeli officials said, since Weinberger originally had opposed U.S. assistance to Israel for the project.

The U.S. defence secretary also expressed support for continued U.S.-Israeli cooperation in other economic projects. He cited the U.S. Navy's recent purchase of some pilotless reconnaissance aircraft from Israel.

Both men were said to have agreed that the ongoing strategic cooperation talks are "the most important development" in U.S.-Israeli relations. In this connection,

there was an extensive review of the current situation in Lebanon and Syria.

From the Pentagon, Arens drove to Ambassador Meir Rosenne's Embassy residence for a luncheon. Senior U.S. officials from the White House, the State Department, the Defence Department and elsewhere in the government and Congress attended.

Arens was due to return to New York later last night. He is to participate in Sunday's massive Salute to Israel parade down Fifth Avenue there, before returning to Israel.

Israeli officials are attempting to arrange a possible meeting for Arens with Secretary of State George Shultz in London on the way back to Israel.

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that his client "surely" did not know that there was a bomb connected to Tawil's garage door because the accused was standing "a metre away" from sapper Suleiman Hirbawi, who was blinded when the bomb went off. "He wasn't trying to commit suicide," said Rubin.

Furthermore, added Rubin, his client tried to warn Hirbawi, pressing the sapper to "bring the robot," the remote control device used by sappers to neutralize bombs. According to the lawyer, the explosion at Tawil's house happened "accidentally," and therefore, said Rubin, "any warning about a bomb in the car anyway would not have prevented the explosion."

The prosecution, represented by Uzi Hason, argued that the two men "betrayed the trust" put in them as officers in their failure to notify the proper authorities about the conspiracy to blow up the mayors' cars. "Why didn't they inform their superiors? If they had, maybe we wouldn't be standing here today. And nor would some other people," Hason said, glancing toward the two accused sitting behind their lawyers.

Judge Wiener, clearly displeased by the length of the three-hour session, the stifling heat in the room and the sometimes bombastic arguments of both the defence and the prosecution, pointedly asked Hason: "How do you explain the fact that the suspect stood only a metre away from the sapper during the explosion? Did he want to commit suicide?"

Hason quickly retorted, "He was in trouble. Damned if he did and damned if he didn't... I'm not interested in what he was doing to himself. I care about what he did to others, and if he acted in such a way so that Hirbawi was wounded, then he is guilty of a crime."

Responding to the defence argument that the incident took place four years ago and that the release of the two suspects would not pose a threat to society, Hason answered: "The country was scandalized by this matter for four years. And they (the accused) kept their terrible secret hidden in their hearts. From the public point of view, it's as if they committed the crime every day for those four years."

Bereaved parents join call to probe Sharon war moves

TEL AVIV (Itim). - Aluf Mishne (res.) Ran Cohen yesterday said that dozens of bereaved family members have joined his call for an inquiry into the death of 40 soldiers in Lebanon - allegedly because of field decisions taken by then defence minister Ariel Sharon.

Speaking to the press, Cohen and a number of the parents denied that their demands have anything to do with the coming election, in which Cohen is a candidate on the Citizens Rights Movement list. But the speakers called on Sharon to remove his name from the Likud list for Knesset.

Crying as she spoke, Hanna Haver explained that it has been difficult for her to talk about her son since he was killed in the war nearly two years ago. She endorsed Cohen's demand,

stressing the importance of preventing Sharon from being able to repeat what he did.

Ya'acov Guterman agreed, calling the war "murderous and useless, except for political and ideological goals which I find revolting."

"Day after day, night after night, my son's blood cries out from the earth: this man must not guide the ship of state, and as long as he remains near the wheel, I cannot sleep," Guterman pleaded.

Three weeks ago, Cohen and four other reserve officers accused Sharon of directing IDF advances on the Beirut-Damascus highway and on West Beirut, during officially declared cease-fires, in a way that avoided the need for cabinet approval. The result was an excessive number of casualties, they charged.

Lists to be filed at Knesset today

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Candidature lists for the July 23 elections will be filed today. As of last night 64 candidacy application forms had been requested, Sara Yitzhaki, the spokeswoman of the Central Elections Committee for the 11th Knesset, told The Jerusalem Post last night.

Submission of the forms will be an all-day affair, on the fifth floor of the Knesset building, where committee

chairman Justice Gavriel Bach will preside.

Existing Knesset factions are expected to file in the afternoon and evening. The earlier filers are usually new lists vying for easy-to-remember Hebrew alphabet letters, or combinations of letters, for use in their campaign publicity.

New lists will also have to be accompanied by a certified cheque for IS\$500,000 and 2,500 signatures of supporters.

Arens denies he knew how 2 terrorists died

WASHINGTON. - Defence Minister Moshe Arens yesterday denied he knew about the beating deaths of the two terrorists, captured in the Ashkelon bus hijack until the commission of inquiry gave him its findings last week. He is in the U.S. for talks.

Speaking to reporters, Arens

admitted that when he left the scene of the rescue operation, he told reporters that two of the terrorists had been killed during the operation and that another two had been captured alive. But later, he was told only that the two surviving terrorists had also died of wounds suffering during their capture.

Visiting paratroopers tour southern Lebanon

Some 200 paratroopers from Western nations, who are holding a convention in Jerusalem, were yesterday given a short helicopter tour of southern Lebanon, after which they met with IDF Chief-of-Staff Moshe Levy at Beaufort Castle

near Marjayoun.
An American paratrooper, Col. Robert Brown, said the war against terrorism in Lebanon was justified. He wondered why Israel had waited so long before moving against the PLO.

Better mortgage allowances will aid immigrants

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Twenty-two thousand immigrants are expected to benefit from increased mortgage allowances which become effective from June 1, it was announced yesterday by the Ministry for Immigrant Absorption.

Immigrants who still have mortgage rights will, in some cases, be able to cover up to 95 per cent of the cost of an apartment with the aid of approved mortgages and loans.

DEDICATION. - The Leon Alkalai Chair in pediatric immunology was dedicated at Tel Aviv University.

Japan friendship society gets started at Knesset

The first step toward creation of an Israel-Japan Parliamentary Friendship Society was taken yesterday at the Knesset in the presence of Knesset members of all parties and representatives of the Japanese parliament, the Knesset spokesman reported yesterday.

Masaaki Nakayama, the Japanese chairman of the society, received a key to the Knesset from Speaker Menahem Savidor. Nakayama expressed his satisfaction that 50 MKs attended the ceremony.

MK Mordechai Ben-Porat was named Israeli chairman of the group.

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His body was brought from the U.S. and he was interred in the Har Hazeitim cemetery, yesterday, 28 Iyar, 5744.

The Bereaved Family

12 killed in attacks by Sikh terrorists

AMRITSAR (AP). — Twelve people were killed in a series of hit-and-run attacks blamed on Sikh terrorists as violence erupted anew across Punjab state, police said yesterday.

The violence came as the Sikh political party warned it was preparing to block the flow of grain, water and power supplies from Punjab this weekend.

In the latest incidence of violence, police said two Sikh extremists shot a state electricity board employee through the head as he rode his motorcycle to work in Patiala, about 200 km. southeast of this Sikh holy city.

Later Tuesday night, terrorists

raided a village liquor store near Batala, 40 km. northeast of here and gunned down the salesman and two others, police said.

A shopkeeper was hacked to death and another seriously injured by three sword-wielding terrorists in Tarn Taran, about 25 km. south of Amritsar, where earlier, gunmen killed two border policemen and a civilian, and wounded five other people.

Three Hindus also were gunned down in separate ambush attacks in Amritsar, and a teenage boy was killed by Sikh extremists in Gurdaspur district north of here.

European-style dancing banned in Sudan

CAIRO (AP). — A Sudanese martial law court on Tuesday banned all forms of European-style dancing throughout the country and sentenced the owner and manager of a nightclub to 25 lashes, the Egyptian Middle East news agency reported.

In a dispatch from the Sudanese capital of Khartoum, the agency said the court justified its decision by

stating that heterosexual dancing ran counter to Islamic teaching.

The two defendants from the Blue Nile discotheque were convicted of "perpetrating obscene acts."

The court is one of more than a dozen established throughout Sudan after President Ja'afar Nu'mairi proclaimed a state of emergency on April 29.

France pushing peace between Chad, rebels

PARIS (AP). — France is trying to bring about a reconciliation between the warring factions in Chad's civil war and hopes initiatives under way to convene peace talks will succeed, French newspapers said yesterday.

The newspapers quoted presidential adviser Guy Penne, currently in Chad's capital of N'Djamena, as saying there were exchanges between France and Libya on Chad

"but we are not negotiating with Libya."

Libya supports the rebel forces of former president Goukouni Oueddei in the north, while France backs the government of President Hissene Habre.

France sent 3,000 paratroopers to Chad last August to help Habre halt the advance of rebel forces backed by Libyan troops. The situation has been in a stalemate since then.

UK miners' leader Scargill arrested on picket line

SHEFFIELD, England (Reuters). — Police yesterday arrested Arthur Scargill, leader of Britain's striking miners, during a protest action outside a northern England coking plant.

The president of the National Union of Mineworkers was leading a column of about 100 pickets when he was stopped by police according to eyewitnesses.

He was asked to move away and when he refused he was escorted away shouting "Police state, 1984" the witnesses said.

Police later said Scargill would appear in court charged with obstructing the highway.

The arrest took place outside the Orgreave coking plant in Yorkshire, scene of the worst clashes between police and pickets so far in the 12-week-old strike over pit closures and job losses.

The miners have been unsuccessfully trying to stop coke reaching a nearby steel plant and on Tuesday at least 64 people, more than half of them police, were injured in the violence.

The Times newspaper reported yesterday that 15 mines faced closure with the loss of almost 20,000 jobs because of geological problems arising from the strike.

Iran's complaint on reactor attack confirmed

VIENNA (AP). — The International Atomic Energy Agency confirmed yesterday that Iran has complained of an Iraqi attack on an unfinished nuclear reactor site.

An agency spokesman said the complaint was addressed to IAEA director general Hans Blix, but had not been discussed in the board of governors because the last session to do so was in February. The next board meeting will be on June 5.

Construction of the reactor at Bushehr was started under the shah, but stopped by the regime of the Ruhollah Ayatollah Khomeini, the official, Hans-Friedrich Meyer, said, without disclosing further details.

A source here who has followed the case said there was no damage to the plant, and that there were no fissionable materials at the Bushehr site at the time of the attack, which occurred on March 24.

U.S. court: No citizenship for gays

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The U.S. Supreme Court yesterday refused to overturn a federal law which prohibits homosexuals from becoming U.S. citizens.

Under the law, homosexuals are classified as psychopathic personalities and their applications for citizenship are automatically turned down.

The court rejected without explanation an appeal by Richard

Longstaff, who operated a chain of clothing stores in Texas, against the refusal by a federal court in that state to grant him citizenship.

The lower court had agreed that Longstaff, who came to the U.S. from Britain 18 years ago, was of good moral character.

Nine federal courts in California and some mid-Atlantic states have ruled in favour of homosexuals seeking admission to and citizenship in the U.S.



Jerusalem half-marathon winners Zahava Shmueli of Israel and Paul Alle of France enjoy their victory after the race yesterday. (Amir Gavriely)

Tass says Sakharov is eating regularly, feeling well

MOSCOW (Reuters). — The official Soviet news agency Tass said yesterday that dissident physicist Andrei Sakharov, reported to be on a hunger strike, was eating regularly, feeling well and was leading an active life.

Friends of Sakharov, who lives in internal exile in the city of Gorky, east of Moscow, have said he began fasting on May 2 to demand permission for his wife Yelena Bonner to travel to the West for medical treatment.

Tass said yesterday: "What of his 'hunger strike'? Here are the exact medical facts: Sakharov feels well, is eating regularly, is leading an active form of life."

The report was the first official comment on the Sakharov case since the government daily Izvestia carried a personal attack on Bonner on May 20 in a report which made no clear statement about the couple's physical condition.

Bonner, said by friends to have joined Sakharov on hunger strike, is suffering from heart and eye ailments, but Tass said these did not require treatment abroad.

"If one goes by the conclusions of experienced doctors, Bonner does not need the services of any foreign specialists. Her condition is such that at the beginning of the year she was allowed to drive a car which she travels around in," Tass said.

Monkey space pioneer celebrates 27th birthday

HUNTSVILLE, Alabama (AP). — It has been a quarter of a century since he took to the skies in a suborbital flight that helped pave the way for the first U.S. manned space mission, but Baker the "monkeyonaut" is still going strong.

The squirrel monkey — weighing two-thirds of a kilogram — was fated with gelatin and bananas as well-wishers gathered at the Alabama Space and Rocket Centre on Monday to celebrate her 27th birthday and the 25th anniversary of her historic flight.

Most squirrel monkeys live about nine years in captivity and up to 13 years in the wild, according to Dr. Charles Horton, who supervises Baker's diet.

Baker was two years old when scientists strapped her into a space suit and propelled her 482 kilometres high May 28, 1959, atop a Huntsville built Jupiter C Rocket.

The test flight came two years before the first U.S. manned space mission.

IRA takes blame for attack on soldiers

BELFAST (Reuters). — Irish Republican Army terrorists said they set off a 45-kilogram landmine that killed a British soldier and wounded another in Northern Ireland yesterday.

The landmine was set off by remote control close to a British army foot patrol in South Armagh near Northern Ireland's border.

The statement claiming responsibility was issued by the Provisional Wing of the IRA.

Workers locked out after W. German strike talks fail

FRANKFURT (AP). — Employees locked out more than 26,000 metalworkers yesterday and angry union officials called for mass street protests as West Germany's worst labour conflict since 1978 intensified following a collapse in negotiations.

The lockouts at 16 shops in the key industrial state of Hesse brought to about 350,000 the number of workers idled by the dispute over union demands for a 35-hour work-week with no pay cut.

The 17-day wave of walkouts, strike-related layoffs, forced vacations, and lockouts have virtually paralyzed the country's important auto industry.

Talks broke down Tuesday after IG Metall, with 2.5 million members, the world's largest single trade

union, rejected a management proposal for a 38-hour work-week for about 15 per cent of the workforce.

"It is an absolutely unacceptable offer," said Ernst Eisenmann, IG Metall's district leader in the strike-plagued Stuttgart district where the talks were held. No date was set to resume talks.

Meanwhile, the trade union federation DGB, umbrella organization for West Germany's 17 unions and their 8 million members, called on 150,000 workers to take to the streets yesterday in Hesse to protest the latest lockouts.

The unions claim that a 35-hour work-week without pay cuts is the only way to protect existing jobs and create new ones for roughly half the country's 2.25 million unemployed.

Scientist predicts migration into space

NEW YORK (AP). — Within the next few centuries or so, one trillion human beings will leave a crowded earth for the solar system's planets, moons, asteroids and comets and perhaps send off settlers to the stars beyond, a government scientist predicted Monday.

Eric Jones, an astrophysicist at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, outlined his vision of the trek to the stars in a talk and paper delivered at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Eight million years from now, Jones said, our descendants will have colonized the entire galaxy.

"A human migration into space is completely compatible with who we are. One of our basic instincts is our urge to explore," he said.

If humans can inexorably spread this way throughout the cosmos, Jones reasoned, so too would other galactic civilizations — if they exist.

"Where is everybody? My answer is, 'We are alone,'" he said.

However, Frank Drake, an astronomer from Cornell University, countered that travel between the stars is simply too expensive, and that's why space ships don't visit Earth.

"A rational and intelligent civilization will not strike off on such a venture," Drake told the conference. "The right place for colonization is your own solar system."

Jones agreed that the solar system will be the springboard for Earthlings' venture into extraterrestrial living. The first stop will be the moon.

With a moon base fitted out with mines, smelters and a power station, people could build space cities there and launch them cheaply into the solar system.

Next would be gigantic power plants, constructed with raw material from Mercury, that would circle the sun and capture its energy. Then humans would set up housekeeping on the asteroids, planets, and even the comets that rotate the sun.

If the population of the solar system doubles every generation, he said, within 500 years it could reach one trillion — 250 times the current world population.

Sports

Alle to the post

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

French engineer Paul Alle pipped kibbutznik Yair Karmi at the post by a head in a dramatic sprint finish to win Hapoel's inaugural Jerusalem international mini-marathon yesterday in a time of 1 hour, 12 minutes, 15 seconds — just one second ahead of the popular veteran Israeli runner, Los Angeles Olympics-bound Zahava Shmueli took the women's title in 1:24.27, leaving Italy's Gigliola Capuzzo trailing by 15 minutes.

Alle and Karmi covered 13 km. of the hilly 21.1-km. course through the city's southern districts almost stride for stride, after the early lead had been taken by Tomer Raa, shock winner of Maccabi's first Jerusalem half-marathon six weeks ago. But then the bearded Frenchman opened up a small gap, before Karmi came back at him, only to fail in a tremendous final 100-metre dash between the two.

Raa got home a comfortable third in 1:15.41. "I have had little time for training lately because of my army service, and usually race late in the season," he said after the race. "This time was a lot better than the previous one and altogether it was a tougher run."

Rosa Saydon, came in third among the women, having been runner-up in the Maccabi "half."

Mayor Teddy Kollek said that he would like Hapoel and Maccabi to get together next year, to organize one full 42-km. international marathon in Jerusalem, and he thought Suroca was a good time for the run. He said that Jerusalem already has so many events and demonstrations necessitating the closure of city streets that a single full marathon a year will be sufficient and will also be more of an attraction on the capital's sporting calendar.

Noah survives

PARIS (Reuters). — Defending champion Yannick Noah survived a nerve-racking first-round encounter against Mark Dickson of the U.S. here yesterday to squeeze through the first round of the French Open Tennis championships.

Other winners in the men's singles included John McEnroe, Thierry Tulasne, Michael Westwood, Henry Ronsaville, Mark Woodhouse, Jakob Hlasek, Jan Gunnarsson, Marian Valdez, Bernard Bolle, Stephen Edberg, Bruce Wilton, Thomas Smith, Cayetano Barrios and Claudio Panatta.

Two seeds, Kathy Jordan 5 and (France) Andre Agassi 16, were eliminated from the women's singles. Both Chris Evert Lloyd, 2, and Hana Mandlikova, 3, counted through in easy victories. Other winners were Jeanne Russell, Susan Mascaren, Zina Garrison, P. McEnroe, Kathy Horvath, Kathleen Nagel, P. Delaney, Petra Kuppel and Miriam Schjerve.

Hurricane defied

LIVERPOOL (AP). — Graeme Fowler, who made a century in the Roses cricket match against Yorkshire this week, stood up to the West Indies bowling hurricane on Tuesday with a fighting 94 for Lancashire. But it could not prevent the tourists achieving a 56-run victory in a 55-over contest.

Last ditch try

GENEVA (Reuters). — International Olympic Committee (IOC) President Juan Antonio Samaranch left here for Moscow yesterday on a last-ditch mission to avert the Soviet-led boycott of the Los Angeles Games. He expects to meet Kremlin leaders during his 24-hour visit.

Baseball: Tuesday

American League
Milwaukee 5, Cleveland 3; Minnesota at Boston, ppd., rain; Chicago 4, Toronto 1; New York 7, Texas 5, 10 innings; California 6, New City 5; Oakland 8, Detroit 5; Baltimore 3, Seattle 2.

National League
Cincinnati 5, Pittsburgh 4, 10 innings; Atlanta 7, Chicago 4; Houston 1, St. Louis 0; Los Angeles at Montreal, ppd., rain; San Diego at New York, ppd., rain; San Francisco at Philadelphia, ppd., rain.

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Speed freak

Israel's first professional racing driver, RAMI SHEFFER, is zooming his way to the top. Sheldon Teitelbaum reports.



AS ISRAEL'S first (and best) professional racing driver, Rami Sheffer is determined one day to qualify for the World Grand Prix. Judging by his story so far he's going to make it.

Sheffer breezed through his childhood in Tel Aviv taking toys apart and putting them back together again. In his early teens he graduated to rusty jalopies and defunct motorcycles.

His crowning glory was overhauling a 1942 BSA wreck abandoned in a field. "I turned it into a virtual desert charger, used to race it and do 'wheelies' out in the sands near the Country Club," he recalls. "Some people," explains this towering inferno of pent-up energy, "are just born addicted. I was born hooked on speed!"

After graduating from Herzliya

Gymnasia, Sheffer served an unpleasant three-year hitch with the IDF Engineering Corps, and then moved into the home improvement field, setting up his own company. "It was a means to an end," he says. "In this case, working up a stake."

While racing his bike, Sheffer swerved off his course to avoid hitting a dog, and broke his legs. Confined to his bed for quite a while, Sheffer, then in his 20s, rethought his priorities. He decided that racing cars would prove much safer, so he made the switch. "Of course, today, knowing what I do, I realize it's possible to escape virtually any accident without injury. It depends upon wearing the right clothes and knowing how to react."

He packed his bags for England, where he registered with the Jim

Russel Racing School. Russel was one of the finest of the fifties — a driver who taught a host of pupils, some of whom in turn became world champions.

Most of the drivers attending the two-week course arrived with considerable experience in rally racing — setting off on 5,000 mile-long courses, may the fastest man and most ingenious engineer and repairman win.

Sheffer wasn't just the only Israeli there — he was also the only one to show up without ever having run a rally. That's how most champions start.

The 24-year-old "speed freak" settled down to several days of intensive theory, physics, and engineering, not to mention learning to navigate the school's racing course, which he ultimately went round hun-

dreds of times. "The final event at the school was a race, including students from all over the world. I came in second."

His Formula IV driving licence in hand, and \$1,000 poorer for it, Sheffer went looking for work. "It's a horribly expensive hobby," he says.

Sheffer found employment, his earnings going towards staking the races he would have to compete in to acquire his coveted British national licence.

He recalls one race in England when a day before flag-time he lost his wallet, and his \$1,000 registration money, to a pickpocket. Not to worry.

Sheffer hitched a few hundred kilometres to a friend, borrowed some money, bought a suit, walked into a casino, and made his money back.

He arrived at the racing circuit, scant minutes before the race and, lacking sleep for days, went on to sixth place. When the crowd heard on the loudspeaker that he was Israeli, it went wild with glee.

Nevertheless, Sheffer returned to Tel Aviv a few years ago at the behest of his parents who were not enchanted by his choice of profession. The perennial "good Jewish boy" — for a year anyway — he enrolled in an undergraduate programme for mechanical engineering at Tel Aviv University. By year's end, though, the cheering of the crowds and the roar of the engines called him back to Europe and Formula Ford racing.

Now, he works as a poster distributor throughout the Continent, his every penny, pfennig and franc funnelled into racing.

The going is rough, he claims, because one would have to look fat and wide for a more expensive pastime.

The cost of buying and maintaining a car for an entire racing season, registering for them, purchasing the proper clothing (fire resistant, of course) and helmet, hiring a team of repairmen and technicians, can run to about £100,000.

Unless he manages to locate a sponsor willing to invest in his further training by racing for another few years, he will be forced to proceed at a snail's pace towards accruing the necessary experience needed to get his international licence and to qualify for the progressively faster and more powerful Formula III, II, I and I vehicles.

He asserts, "I've got to convince

an Israeli company that I'm a cheap and effective advertising vehicle for them. For instance, the John Players cigarette company sponsors a driver and team year round to drive its black and gold car. Millions see the races and equate the car and driver with the cigarette. If a company like Osem were to do the same, it would certainly be cheaper than a continental advertising campaign!"

His attempt to win a sponsor, now having endured fruitlessly for a few years, is not his only concern.

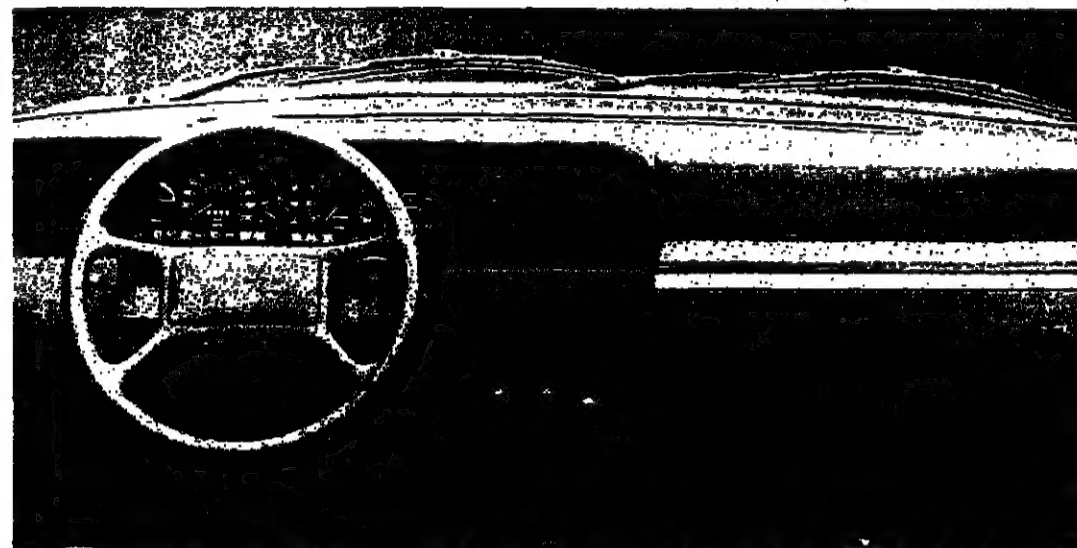
Now 27, Sheffer is meeting other Israelis on the circuit from time to time. It won't be long before the young Hebrew hounds come a sniff, with an aim to bypass him.

But unless the drivers in question inherit an oil well, Rami will continue to sleep soundly at night.



Test Drive

Yitzhak Oked finds Fiat's new Regata all easy sailing



THE WORD "regatta" evokes the salty smell of the ocean and multi-coloured yachts maneuvering against the wind. For reasons known only to Fiat of Italy, they chose the name Regata (only one "t") for their new medium-size car which is replacing the 131 Mirafiori.

In Israel the Regata is available in several models, starting with a 1300 cc Regata 70 at about \$14,070 (prices include deposit and VAT) and going up to a Regata super automatic 1500 cc at about \$18,251.

A Fiat official explained that the company's technicians and engineers worked hard to develop the Regata. They wanted the car to be aerodynamically designed, yet comfortable, reliable as well as aesthetically pleasing. They gave it front-wheel drive for greater stability and

they aimed for improved overall performance with low fuel consumption.

The squared-off front section features Fiat's new logo — five parallel bars and wrap-around light indicators. Wrap-around dark grey plastic bumpers give extensive protection.

Today it seems that a car's success will depend on its quoted drag factor.

The Regata's Cd coefficient is 0.35 in its ES (energy saving) version.

The passenger compartment dimensions are generous: 1.730 metres between pedals and back of rear seat; 1.380m. maximum interior width in the front; 1.370m. in the rear. The car is 4.26m. long, 1.40m. high and 1.65m. wide. The luggage compartment is unusually spacious 513 cu. dm. (18.32 cu. ft.)

The brake system includes discs at the front and drums with self-adjusting shoes at the rear.

During a recent visit to Italy to test drive the Regata and see where it is manufactured, we were taken to Fiat's Cassino assembly plant, sprawled on the plain below the monastery of Monte Cassino.

The Cassino plant and the main Fiat plant in Turin are among the world's most highly automated factories.

We arrived at the plant just when the workers had gone for their lunch break. Yet, though there wasn't a human being in sight, an army of robots was continuing production, welding and moving the cars from station to station.

It gave us a weird feeling to watch these battery-powered carriers cal-

led "robotgate," moving noiselessly about on their own above buried magnetic tracks, guided by radio control. Most of the plant's 6,000 human employees, we were told, are there only to service the robots.

More than 100 automatic trolleys carry the pressed steel shell of the car to the various stations where robot welders are programmed by a central computer to carry out their tasks.

We sat down inside the Regata and liked the seats, which had a soft and good feel about them and seemed designed to fit the body.

The instrument panel had too many gauges, and it took me a while to get used to finding and reading some of the basic information needed while driving.

Despite Fiat's claim that the Regata accelerates from 0 to 100 km/h. in less than 14 seconds, it took me a little bit longer, especially in the automatic model. In this model the motor also seemed to be slightly noisier for the first few kilometres. Once the car went into cruise, though, the engine noise decreased.

Speaking of noise, if you plan to drive the Regata with open windows, you'll have to drive slowly; alternatively, you could buy an air-conditioner so you can close the windows and drive fast without having your ears blasted by the noise.

The car is well planned inside for the front-seat passengers. There is supposed to be sufficient room in the back for three adults, but I felt squashed when I sat in the back with two other hefty males.

The steering is light, making the car easy to handle, especially on long trips. But we felt a certain strain in the steering while going down the curving slopes of Monte Cassino.

Shifting gears is easy in the Regata. One automobile correspondent said that there is none of the doubt familiar to drivers of Italian cars about getting third instead of fifth.

We tested the automatic version in pouring rain on the autostrada, at much higher speeds than the Israeli 90 km/h. limit, and were told by an Italian Fiat official that this car could probably go even faster than 200 km/h.

A huge Italian truck suddenly turned into my lane without warning. Despite the heavy rain and high speed the aligned brakes and brand

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Motoring page edited by Joanna Yehiel

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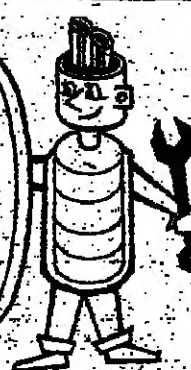
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Can the patient wait?

THE QUESTION facing the economy is no longer what will happen after July 23, but whether it can survive intact until that day. The assumption that was prevalent hitherto, and that held sway in all the political parties, shaping their tactics and colouring their declarations in the early stages of the campaign, was that the national economy was indeed battered, but that it would manage to stand up to a reasonable amount of further abuse in the course of the election season itself. This comfortable assumption is looking increasingly shaky.

There are two sets of developments that call into question the capability of the "elections-as-usual" attitude to survive another seven weeks. Firstly, the real economy is sliding rapidly downhill. Unemployment is climbing steadily, particularly in the peripheral areas of the country. Any progress made in improving the adverse balance of payments during the mini-recession around the turn of the year is being more than wiped out by the massive consumer boom that is gathering momentum all the time and that rivals even the heyday of the "correct economics" period. Productivity, which was also "threatening" to improve under the impact of the initial Cohen-Orad steps, is now back-peddling fast as the plague of work disputes and strikes spreads. In short, all the indicators that should move up are heading down, and vice versa.

Every aspect of government policy is in shambles, as a result of being turned through 180 degrees twice within eight months. Wages, subsidies, budget cuts — the story is repeated across the board. The initiatives undertaken by Aridor in his last months and Cohen-Orad in his first have been reversed or simply shelved.

It is possible that this kind of election economics would have been bearable, at least for the short period under consideration, were it not for the scale of the hemorrhaging that is taking place in the money economy. Here it is not the government's hand at work — on the contrary, it is pumping shekels into the system at a furious pace and trying to encourage the populace to retain the Israeli currency as a means of exchange, if not as a store of value. But the public will have none of it.

Loss of confidence in the shekel, in the government that introduced it and in the policies that are supposed to support it, is almost total. The pumping of funds into the economy by the Treasury and the Bank of Israel is an open-ended pipe: The money pours in and circulates briefly in the system causing increased demand pressures and hence contributing to inflation, before gushing out again — out of the legitimate economy to safer shores.

Whether this outflow, which is as much old money removed from conventional savings as newly printed shekels from the 1984 deficit, goes abroad through imports of consumer goods, or to finance vacations overseas or is smuggled or "transferred" through the numerous underground banks and other channels, the result is the same: the economy is being bled white through a lack of working capital at the very time, when it is supposedly awash with excess money.

The ongoing stream of funds moving from shekels to hard currencies could at any time broaden into a flood and become a real run on the banks. As the fateful deadline of July 23 draws nearer and the fear of what lies beyond grows stronger — despite, or maybe because of the re-assuring noises from both big parties — the house of cards that is the Israeli financial system looks ever shakier.

A role to play

IN THE run up to the election campaign the quiet and amity in Labour, as distinct from the conflict and bitterness in the other parties has been noteworthy. This unity was made possible, of course, by the decisions of both Yitzhak Rabin and Yitzhak Navon to refrain from contesting Shimon Peres for the party leadership.

The only exception to this harmony has derived from the tussle over the post of foreign minister, in a Labour government. Over the years, Mr. Peres always assured former foreign minister Abba Eban the post would be his. But now Mr. Navon has laid claim to the job and Mr. Peres has apparently felt he had no choice but to accede to the former president, whose position in the party and with the electorate, is more formidable than that of Mr. Eban.

For Mr. Eban, Israel's best known diplomat, this comes as a profound disappointment. He suggested, reasonably enough, that the distribution of portfolios should await the outcome of the elections. But the party pressures, in this instance, have dictated differently.

Yet if Mr. Eban has been compelled to relinquish his goal for another term as foreign minister, this does not mean that Mr. Peres, or Mr. Navon for that matter, should forfeit his services in the foreign policy field. Mr. Eban's rich diplomatic experience is certainly an important element in the Labour leadership team. Mr. Peres should, therefore, now also make clear that in a Labour government, Mr. Eban would receive an appropriate policy role.

HERZOG ON TERROR

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ble foundation for Israel's existence is the rule of law and justice. "No one is authorized to take the law into his own hands and to undermine the authority of the elected government," the president said.

He urged that the phenomenon be struck out at its root with an iron hand, "since it undermines our very national existence as a state and as a society. The whole phenomenon disgraces Israel's honour and provides ammunition for its enemies and ill-wishers." In Herzog's opinion, the occurrence reflected a terrible educational failure, and he expressed hope that "we will know how to deal with it and correct what has been distorted."

The president related that a leading rabbi of Gush Emunim had visited him last week and expressed his disgust and that of his colleagues with the acts of terror attributed to the group of Jews. The rabbi had also been concerned by the growing isolation and religious extremism of some religious Zionist youth. "I decry this situation, this separation, this seclusion — especially at a time

when we, the whole nation needs, as we need the air we breathe, a bridge over the yawning gap, mutual understanding, reconciliation and tolerance," Herzog declared.

At the same time, the president urged his audience not to pass judgement on the defendants before their trial, nor to wage a campaign in their defence in the press. "The matter can be decided in one and only one place — the courtroom," he declared.

Herzog opened his remarks by referring to Jerusalem Day, noting that in the city's conquest, many non-observant as well as observant soldiers fell. "There is no separation between them in military cemeteries," he said, adding that "no part of the nation should be credited with more rights than others over Jerusalem or the state."

The president's audience comprised Bnei Akiva members from abroad who are spending a year here studying Hebrew, working on kibbutzim and volunteering in development towns. Afterwards, they will serve as movement leaders in their home countries. (Izim)

The fight for the next generation

By ASHER MANIV

THE DIFFERENCE between politician and statesman is, it has been said, that the politician worries about the next election, the statesman about the next generation. If so, then our leaders — or maybe, indeed, all of us — have every reason to be worried about the next generation and the Israel they are growing up in.

They are being exposed continuously to the accumulating effects of anti-human, anti-moral set of values, which on top of all, has the effrontery of posing as "Zionism."

Far be it from us to underestimate the importance of the forthcoming elections. They may very well be decisive to the future of Israel. And the government to emerge from them will most certainly have a tremendous influence on forming the character and the value-system of our next generation.

But what we are dealing with here is something wider and more encompassing even than the next election. We should remember that parties can win an election and still lose the next generation. That is exactly the danger facing the humanist, liberal-socialist, democratic tradition of Zionism. What we are engaged in now is not only a controversy over divergent political ideas. Please excuse the rhetoric, but there are no other words for it. We are also engaged in nothing less than a fight for the heart and the soul of the nation.

Premier Shamir, saying that the Jewish underground is only a "small group of people, who were tempted into taking this abhorrent path," only proves that either he does not understand the real problem, or, more likely and worse, he does not care.

If a member of his own party, a deputy speaker of the Knesset, Meir Cohen-Avidon, can declare that "we should gouge out the eyes and rip out the gut" of murderers among the Arabs, if such sadistic and racist statements can be made and even

proudly repeated without causing a public uproar and without being immediately repudiated by the premier and his party, then, apparently, the "aberrant path" has become a wide, major thoroughfare.

Even if we disregard the *hut-pa* of people like Rabbi Moshe Levinger, who went as far as crowning the heads of those thought to lead the alleged underground with a halo of heroism, the public reaction to that phenomenon can be classified in three broad categories. There are those who speak about small "lunatic fringe" groups (indicating that they cannot be held responsible for their actions?) and mention extenuating circumstances ("the security situation") to make us "understand" and perhaps even sympathize with the alleged underground.

Then there are those who condemn them for "taking the law into their own hands," meaning, of course, breaking the law. But all this group seems to object to is the illegality of the action. Presumably if the police or security services would have done the same, it would have been perfectly all right.

Finally, there are those who realize that an underground could not have grown had it not been for Gush Emunim and such like ideology and therefore moral stock-taking and self-examination is called for in Gush Emunim and in similar groups.

BUT EVEN those who call for moral stock-taking, and who are right as far as they go, miss the most important point. The problem is not a few "fringe" groups or even the regrettable evidence of fairly large fanatic ultra-nationalistic movements. The trouble is that the malignant growth keeps spreading to other parts of the body of Israeli society and, if not stopped, will threaten its very life.

Some weeks ago, *Ma'ariv* published the results of a poll by Dr. Sarah Shemer of Modi'in Ezrahi in an inconspicuous spot on an inner

page. It was a kind of writing on the wall. The poll asked whether equal rights should be granted Arab citizens of Israel (within the "Green Line"). Only 10.5 per cent agreed to full equal rights unconditionally; 39.7 per cent said that Arabs should have equal rights only if they would also fulfil equal duties (army or national service); 19.5 per cent would agree to equal rights only after the conclusion of peace; and 28.1 per cent stated that under no condition whatsoever should Arab citizens be given equal rights.

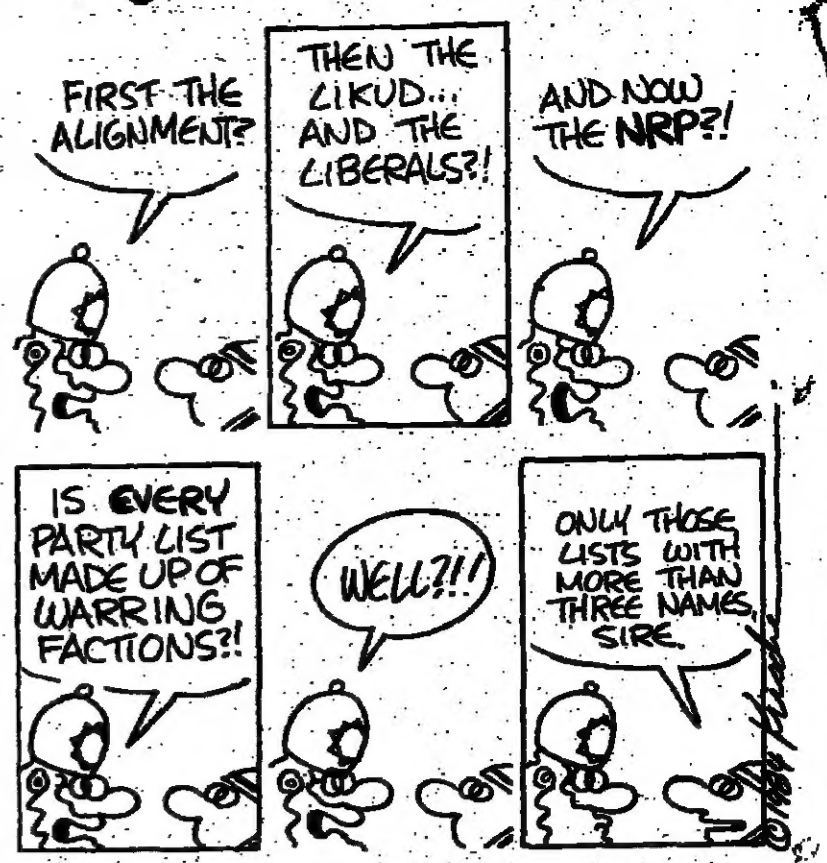
In other words, more than every fourth person in Israel — or, if you like, almost every third person — believes that even in the case of peace, even if Arab citizens would undertake military service, never should Israeli Arabs be equal citizens.

More than every fourth Israeli has accepted a gross distortion of Zionist ideals! Herzl, who in his book *Altneuland* depicts the "New Society" of the Jewish State as a paradigm of equality and tolerance between Jews and Arabs, must be turning in his grave. Weizmann, Berl Katznelson, Ben-Gurion and many, many other leaders and thinkers of liberal socialist Zionism would be shocked to the bone to learn of the findings of this poll. Even Jabotinsky, who wrote "And then they will enjoy plenty and happiness, the sons of Arab, the sons of Nazareth and my son," would not recognize the movement of his disciples. Not to mention the Declaration of Independence of Israel, which promised "full equality of political and social rights to all its citizens, without difference of religion, race and sex."

Yet, Israel continues with business as usual.

THIS SHOCKING change of values did not, of course, arise out of the blue. It was preceded by almost unchallenged statements by some of our leaders, that "Arabs understand

Dry Bones



only the language of force," that "Israel can depend on force alone," that "we must show them who are the masters of this land," etc. Seven years of Likud rule have certainly something to do with it. Begin's "two-legged animals," Rafal's "drugged cockroaches in a bottle" and other forms of de-humanizing the enemy have paved the way. Cabinet minister Yuval Ne'eman's half-justification of the alleged underground is only another step on the road started by the pardon given to murderers of Arab prisoners in the past.

We are faced now not only by a critical election, but we have arrived at what might well be a watershed in our history. Either we continue on this dangerous road, the end of which is too frightening to contemplate, or we make a new start in the direction of original Zionist values.

No other consideration, political or otherwise, can be more important than the harnessing of all possible forces for that aim. Liberals, whose liberalism consists of getting another

few seats on the Likud list for the Kaesset, can cause only bitter laughter. Parties of the left and centre, who proclaim their devotion to Zionist humanism and yet cannot unite, will only weaken the necessary effort. The dispute in the Labour Party over the Foreign Ministry seems irrelevant at this moment.

Indeed; if there is one man who, more than anybody else, could lead this fateful fight, it is Yitzhak Navon. Anything he could do at the Foreign Ministry would pale in comparison with the tremendous task of bringing Israel back to itself. That is the post Navon should fill, whether in the government (if Labour wins, perhaps a "Ministry for Israeli Zionism"), or outside (if it loses).

The next generation is already waiting in the wings. It depends not only on the elections what it will look like.

The writer is a fellow of Yad Tabenkin, the research institute of the United Kibbutz Movement.

READERS' LETTERS

MAIL DELIVERY IN THE SOVIET UNION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — The Post reported on May 11 that Soviet cosmonauts got mail in space through the Progress-21 cargo craft which docked with the orbiting space station Salyut-7. As a volunteer activist for Soviet Jewry and the Prisoners of Conscience for the past 14 years, I must congratulate the Soviet authorities for this achievement.

While they succeed in delivering mail from earth to space, the Soviets fail to do the same with mail to citizens of their own country. Thus, since June 1979 up to May 1984, they did not deliver a single letter of the dozens I have been sending to Anatoly Shcharansky, although all of these letters were sent registered with acknowledgements of receipt.

I must praise Jane Fonda merely for the fact that she was able to visit Ida Nudel at her apartment in Bender. The Soviet post office returns all my letters to her (and only mine) with the claim that there is no such addressee at this address. Ironically, Ida does receive a few letters at the very same address and I have provided the Soviet post office with proof that their claim is baseless.

These are just two examples out of many, many others. It is my hope that the Universal Postal Union, convening next month in Hamburg, West Germany, will discuss the problem of non-delivery and arbitrary interference with mail to and from the USSR.

ELI LANDAU

Jerusalem.

TRAFFIC LAWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I am the wife of a new driver and am appalled by other drivers' complete indifference to the laws of the road, and their speeding.

Because he is a new driver, and afraid to lose his new licence, my husband always drives at the legal rate of speed, and carefully observes all the laws. As a result, we are shouted at and even cursed, because we are "too slow." If you can call 45 to 50 too slow through the narrow, and double-parked winding streets of upper Hadar in Haifa. Young drivers speed, pass on the wrong side, do not signal, cut off other cars, weave in and out of traffic to save a second and commit many other

violations. On the main highway, if we go 90, I am appalled to see that we are slow, as others go much over 100.

Is this not the main reason for so many tragic accidents? Can we afford to take such risks in Israel? Do we have so many lives to lose? Instead of all the youngsters yelling at us, wouldn't it be better for them to re-take their driving tests once a year to keep them better informed of the laws? I am tired of hearing the words, "old man, who did you bribe to get your licence," and seeing those very same yellers commit a serious offence at the next traffic light.

DORIS STADLER

REPORTING ON ISRAEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Like the benevolent wolf in Little Red Riding Hood, news people from all over the world have, for some time, gone to Israel supposedly to file unbiased reports for "the folks back home." Invariably, the article or documentary subsequently presented is slanted, littered with misrepresentations and half-truths, while the other side of the argument goes by default. As a result, Diaspora Jews have had to squirm while their local anti-Zionist/Anti-Semite trots out biased pieces often with the unknowing connivance of Israelis themselves who are encouraged to be critical of their country by interviewers.

As Israel is a major centre of world interest perhaps unsuspecting citizens would do well to guard their critical statements to foreign news people and also realise that editing, cutting and programme shaping is an established practice.

ALLEN A. UNGER

Harrow, England.

TRIPS TO CHINA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I refer to Eliezer Marshall's letter of May 16 about trips to China. If a tourist is not welcome (to put it mildly) with his Israeli passport in a certain country, the obvious conclusion should be to refrain from setting foot on its soil by presenting another passport. If one is not wanted, one should stay out as a matter of dignity.

G. MAAS

BALLET SCHOOLS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I believe an omission was made in Dora Sowden's article of May 6 on dance studios. I wish to inform your readers who are interested in classical ballet of the existence of the Classical Ballet Centre — the official school of the Israel Ballet.

One cannot write a perspective on the schools of dance in this country without mentioning the important contribution made by the Israel Ballet through its centre which specializes in classical ballet only.

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Director of Public Relations, The Israel Ballet
Tel Aviv:
Dora Sowden comments:
The Israel Ballet is indeed an important company and undoubtedly its school serves a useful purpose. But I was not making an exhaustive list of

studios, major or otherwise, but choosing names at random to make a point.

OF TREES AND ROOTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Will you allow a goy to feel proud of having a tree in Eretz Yisrael? It was given to me on my 70th birthday by my Jewish friends in Norway. I have not yet seen it, but I hope it has grown strong in the meanwhile, as I wish the Jewish State will do in the future. However, I am afraid that militant groups, symbolically speaking, may lay the axe to the roots of both.

I do not mind the prayers of the Hassidim, expressing religious contemplation. But when it comes to trying to dominate a state in moral danger, the Orthodox fanatics ought to be ousted.

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